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Attached, please find the EFGWB review of...

Common Name:	Sulfosate (glyphosate trimesium) Trade name: Touchdown
Company Name:	Zeneca Ag Products
ID #	010182-00324, 5F04554, 5H05727
Purpose:	To review data and labels to support the new use of sulfosate on Pome fruit and wheat.

Type Product:	Action Code:	EFGWB #(s):	Review Time:
Herbicide	330,230,250		2.0 days

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1. CHEMICAL:

Common Name: Sulfosate

Chemical Trimethylsulfonium Name: carboxymethyl

aminomethylphosphonate;

Type of product: Herbicide

Chemical Structure:

Physical/Chemical Properties Molecular formula: C₆H₁₅NO₅PS.

Molecular weight: 244.23. Physical state: Liquid.

Specific gravity: 1.27 g/cm³.

Boiling point: 110 C at 760 Torr. Vapor pressure: <4 x 10⁻⁷ Torr at 25 C.

Molar water solubility: (pure active) 17.6 X 10⁶q

2. TEST MATERIAL:

N/A

3. STUDY/ACTION TYPE:

To review data to support the proposed new registration for use of Touchdown (6 lbs ai/gallon sulfosate) on Pome fruit (apple, crabapple, loquat, pear, and quince) and wheat (grain, bran, forage, shorts and straw).

4. STUDY IDENTIFICATION:

1) Directions for Touchdown use and a Environmental Fate Bibliography.

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7. CONCLUSIONS:

1) The EFGWB has previously evaluated (9/22/87) the potential for

off site exposure of Sulfosate (now called <u>Glyphosate-trimesium</u>) and has determined that there is a low potential for impact to non-target plants or water resources under most conditions. Therefore the addition of the use of glyphosate trimesium on Pome fruit including apple, crabapple, loquat, pear, and quince; and wheat including grain, bran, forage, shorts and straw presents an incrementally low risk to the environment.

2) The maximum use rate as stated on the submitted Touchdown label for the use of sulfosate on bearing tree fruit orchards and nonbearing crops is 5 1/3 pints (4 lbs/ai/acre/year).

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE ASSESSMENT

Sulfosate is comprised of two moieties: trimethylsulfonium cation (TMS) and carboxymethlaminomethylphosphate anion (CAP). In general, the available field data indicate sulfosate (TMS, CAP and the AMPA metabolite formed from CAP) adsorbs fairly strongly to soil and would not be expected to move vertically below the 6 inch soil layer.

The data indicate that although there is some photochemical decomposition, chemical decomposition in general is not a significant pathway of degradation for sulfosate. However, sulfosate (CAP moiety) appears to be readily degraded by soil microbes (t1/2= 48 to 72 hrs.) to aminomethyl phosphonic acid (AMPA), which is degraded further to $\rm CO_2$, although at a slower rate than for parent sulfosate. In addition, the TMS moiety appears to biodegrade fairly rapidly (t1/2= 72 hrs.) to $\rm CO_2$ as well.

Even though sulfosate is highly water soluble it appears that parent sulfosate (TMS, CAP) and the AMPA degradate have a low potential to move to ground water due to fairly fast microbial degradation and the adsorptive characteristics as demonstrated in the laboratory and field studies. Laboratory batch equilibrium studies of parent sulfosate in four separate soils indicated a moderate adsorption giving Freundlich K (ads) values of 9-21, desorption values were 4-9. In a soil column (aged 3 day) residues applied to 2 separate soils did not move below 6 cm. sulfosate also showed low mobility in a supplemental soil TLC However, sulfosate does have a limited potential to If a runoff event were to occur contaminate surface waters. shortly after application, parent sulfosate would readily wash from the application area and could be transported to local surface waters. In surface water, sulfosate may either photodegrade or persist for sometime, depending on light sensitization and water

Based on an indeterminately low Henry's law constant, sorption to soil, and lack of volatilization in laboratory studies, volatilization will not be an important dissipation mechanism. The low octanol/water coefficient suggests that sulfosate will have a low tendency to accumulate in fish.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the available data, the new registration for use on the Pome fruit (apple, crabapple, loquat, pear, and quince) and wheat (grain, bran, forage, shorts and straw) would not present a risk to ground and surface water.

SUMMARY OF DATA REQUIREMENTS: (Glyphosate Trimesium)

The summary of data requirements to support uses of glyphosate-trimesium (sulfosate) on terrestrial food crop and terrestrial nonfood sites is as follows:

Satisfied:

- -Hydrolysis (161-1). Stable at pH 5, 7, and 9 at 25°C; EFGWB #4119, 4120 3/1/84 (originally reviewed 8/18/83).
- Photodegradation in water (161-2). Carboxymethylaminomethylphosphonate (CAP) anion; 14.6 days, 77.9 and 41.6 days at pH 5, 7, and 9 respectively. Photoproducts were phosphoric acid and aminomethylphosphonic acid. The trimethylsulfonium (TMS) cation was stable at pH 5 and 7, but degraded in 31.7 days at pH 9; EFGWB #4119, 4120 3/1/84.
- -Photodegradation in soil (161-3). The (CAP) anion degraded with an initial rapid phase of 12 days in which 34% of applied degraded followed by a slower phase in which only 6% degraded. The degradate isolated was aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA). The TMS cation was stable; EFGWB # 6147, 6148, 1/21/86 Acc #258400, EFGWB # 60707-60708,70214-70215, 3/27/87 (no MRID).
- -Aerobic Soil Metabolism (162-1). The TMS moiety has a half-life of 3 days in soil with $\rm CO_2$ being the major degradate. The CAP portion of the molecule degraded with a half-life of 2 to 3 days with $\rm CO_2$ as the major degradate. EFGWB # 6483-6486, Acc #260670, 6/30/86, EFGWB # 70716-17, 6/26/87. However, the calculated half-life was based on parent TMS and not total extractable TMS as well. Therefore, a more realistic half-life for the TMS moiety may be on the order of 2 to 3 weeks. (EFGWB review of 6/30/86 indicated that 66% of the radiolabeled TMS was converted to $\rm CO_2$ within 28 days; also see 70760-61, 9/22/87).
- -Anaerobic Soil Metabolism (162-2). The CAP moiety degraded with 43% of the applied being converted to $\rm CO_2$ at day 66. EFGWB #70716-17, Acc #40214008-9. Half-life of cation is 2 months based on $\rm CO_2$ evolution. Anion exhibited a half-life similar to that of the aerobic metabolism study of 2-3 wks. EFGWB #70760-61 9/22/87.
- -Leaching/Adsorption/Desorption (163-1). Freundlich K ads values for parent in four separate soils were 9-21, desorption values were 4-9. In a soil column (aged 3 day) residues applied to 2 soils did not move below 6 cm. EFGWB # 70760-61, 9/22/87. The parent also showed low mobility in a soil TLC study (1/17/86).

-Terrestrial Field Dissipation (164-1). TMS and CAP dissipated with calculated half-lives of 6 and 12 days, respectively, in the 0- to 3-inch depth of unvegetated sandy loam soil in California treated with a single application of sulfosate at 4 lb ai/A. TMS and CMP did leach to the 3- to 6-inch soil depth, but were not detected below the 6-inch soil depth. (MRID #41235906)

TMS and CAP dissipated with half-lives of 5 and 6 days, respectively, in the 0- to 3-inch depth of unvegetated sandy loam soil in Mississippi treated with a single application of sulfosate at 4 lb ai/A. TMS and CAP were not detected below the 3-inch soil depth, except for one sampling interval in which TMS was near the detection limit. (MRID #41235907)

TMS and CAP dissipated with calculated half-lives of 10 and 4 days, respectively, from the 0- to 3-inch depth of unvegetated loamy sand soil in Georgia that was treated with a single application of sulfosate at 4 lb ai/A. In general, TMS and CMP were not detected below the 3-inch soil depth. EFGWB #'s 90-0680-0681,-0594-0595,-0784,91-0755,-0361 (9/25/91).

Frozen storage stability (MRID #42937702) studies were reviewed and indicate Sulfosate (Trimethylsulfonium carboxymethyl aminomethylphosphonate) residues were stable in soil stored frozen (-20 C) for 2 years.

Waived:

Fish Accumulation (165-3). (EFGWB #4119, 4120, 3/1/84) based on sulfosates high water sol./low Kow.

9. BACKGROUND:

Touchdown is a nonselective foliar systemic herbicide used to control a broad spectrum of emerged weeds. Touchdown controls most grass and broadleaf weeds - both annual and perennial. Touchdown may be used in bearing pecan, walnut, beech nut, Brazil nut, butternut, cashew, chestnut, chinquapin, filbert, hickory nut and Macadamia nut groves; in certain noncrop areas around the farm, and in nonbearing groves, orchards, or vineyards up to 1 year of harvest to control unwanted vegetation. Touchdown in formulated as a liquid concentrate which contains 6 pounds of ai per gallon. Touchdown requires a 6-hour rain-free period after application. Rain occurring within 6 hours of application may reduce weed control.

In general, glyphosate trimesium (sulfosate) is a nonselective systemic herbicide developed for postemergence weed control on terrestrial food crop and terrestrial nonfood sites. Sulfosate is comprised of two moieties: trimethylsulfonium cation (TMS) and carboxymethlaminomethylphosphate anion (CMP). Sulfosate is applied at 0.44 to 4.1 lb ai/A using either spray, wiper, or hand-directed spot application procedures. It is generally applied with a surfactant.

10. DISCUSSION:

See recommendations above.

11. COMPLETION OF ONE-LINER:

Attached.

12. CBI INDEX:

N/A

Zeneca Inc. Agricultural Products Wilmington, Delaware 19897

TOUCHDOWN® Herbicide

Application for Amended Registration for Use on apples, crabapples, loquat, pear, quince, and wheat

SECTION J: Environmental Fate

All data requirements have been satisfied through previous submissions. A complete list of data citations can be found in the attached bibliography.

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Common Name: SULFOSATE

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PC Code # :128501

CAS #:81591-81-3

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Chem. Name: TRIMETHYLSULFONIUM CARBOXYMETHYLAMINOMETHYL-PHOSPHONATE

Action Type:Herbicide

Trade Names: TOUCHDOWN

(Formul'tn): Physical State:

> :NONSELECTIVE SYSTEMIC HERBICIDE FOR POSTEMERGENCE WEED Use

Patterns : CONTROL

(% Usage) :

 $C_3H_7NPO_5 - +SC_3H_9$ Empirical Form:

Molecular Wgt.: 245.23 Vapor Pressure: 4.00E -7 Torr

٥C Boiling Point: 110C@1AtmC Melting Point :

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Comments

Sulfosate consists of an N-(Phosphonomethyl) glycine anion and a trimethylsulfonium cation. The anion degrades to aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) via photolysis (aqueous and soil).

There are discrepancies in the aerobic metabolism data; in addn. to that shown, T1/2 for (+) in loam was 192 days in one study but in another was < 1 month based on CO2 evolution.
T1/2 for (-) on soil was 382 hours, but (+) was stable.
In an anaerobic soil study, in 66 days 43% of radioactive (-) moiety was recovered as CO2.

Frozen storage stability studies indicate sulfosate residues were stable in soil stored frozen (-20C) for up to 2 years.

References: EPA REVIEWS

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